Molasses Making Time

Shown above are friends and family who joined in for the last molasses making of the year with Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Barger of Appomattox.

They began making soghrum molasses several years ago for family use, however, the operation has grown not only because of the great demand for the product but because it's family fun! Mr. Barger says "it never hurts for young people to know how a good living can be gotten fromthe good earth. Our children have also helped make maple syrup and they recall these experiences with pride and pleasure."

CONTRACT PROBLEM

Oil Refinery Plans Delayed

PORTSMOUTH (AP) — Plans for a $635 million, Virginia-North Carolina petroleum refining complex are being delayed indefinitely because participating companies cannot obtain long-term contracts for crude oil, the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot says it has learned.

"Nobody's selling long term," a key industry source said last week, pointing out that the Arab oil embargo, imposed in mid-October, had served to "aggravate" an already difficult situation.

Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Co. of Houston, Tex., in April announced tentative plans for the multimillion project, which would include:

—A $50-million crude oil "gateway" port, to be built on a 623-acre site fronting on the Elizabeth River in Portsmouth, Va.

—A $300-million plant for converting crude to synthetic natural gas (SNG), to be in Hertford County, N.C.

—A $200-million refinery which would produce fuel oil and naphtha, to be on or near the Portsmouth site.

—A $85-million facility to convert naphtha into SNG, to be built at a still-unnamed Virginia location.

As initially planned, Transco, a major supplier of natural gas to the Northeast, would build and operate all but the $200 million fuel oil and naphtha refinery.

The plans called for Continental Oil Co. to operate the latter facility under a concession from Transco. Conoco would sell the naphtha to the pipeline company for its $85 million SNG plant and market the fuel oil through commercial channels.

However, Conoco's participation in the venture apparently has become doubtful because of the critical problem of obtaining crude oil, the same problem that hampers the project getting off the ground at all.

Sources close to the project said last week that Conoco has offered to give up its role in the venture if Transco can find an other company better able to provide crude.

Both firms have been attempting to negotiate long-term contracts for Mid-Eastern crude, but without apparent success.

About 300,000 barrels of crude a day would be required to stock the entire complex.

Transco officials in Houston Friday were hesitant to talk in detail of the present status of the project.

Spokesmen at a press briefing today are expected to acknowledge delays in the venture but to voice optimism that the complex will be constructed once the crude source problem is solved.

'People Control' In Fuel Crisis

The Virginia Taxpayers Association charged today that government desire for "people control" is a major factor in the energy crisis, and called for action to improve U.S. relations with Middle East oil countries in order to guarantee an end to the Arab oil cutoff.

The state taxpayer organization said removal of wage, price and other federal controls should be used to help solve the fuel crisis, but instead "the government is more interested in oil rationing, higher gas taxes and increasing the size of the already incompetent bureaucracy."

The VTA added that recent Administration actions in openly aiding one Middle East belligerent from tax payer funds while at the same time helping Communist countries which supply the opposing Arabs "are brazenly unconstitutional and will not be tolerated by increasingly indignant U.S. taxpayers."

At a VTA meeting in Charlottesville Sat., Nov. 17, Kenneth White, president, reported that of 88 candidates for the House of Delegates who had been rated "good" or "fair" by the state taxpayer association, 58 per cent, or 51 individuals, actually were elected.

White noted that an Associated Press survey showing that state delegate candidates overwhelmingly rated taxes as the major campaign issue was further proof of the growing strength of the organized taxpayer movement.

VTA members expressed strong opposition to a proposed $60 million Richmond capitol construction project "in this time of runaway government spending." Warning was issued that this expenditure could possibly be approved by the 1974 General Assembly without any recorded vote by the legislators.

Vicepresident Harley M. Williams announced that the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance, a VTA member organization, had filed suit in circuit court against the county's segmental reassessment, based on the State Supreme Court's August decision against Albemarle County.

Williams charged that, by petitioning for a rehearsing of the Albemarle case, the Virginia Association of Counties and the Virginia Municipal League, which are supported by taxpayer funds, "are using tax money to support an unconstitutional reassessment system.

Robert Merrill announced an Albemarle taxpayers rally at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20 in Henley Junior High School to consider a possible tax strike protesting tax bills showing 300 to 500 per cent reassessment increases, which were "illegally mailed out in violation of the Supreme Court's decision."

Next meeting of the state taxpayer organization will be at 11 a.m. Sat., Jan. 5, 1974, in Pantops Restaurant, Route 250 E., Charlottesville.

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The 1973 4-H Home Environment contest winners are shown in the picture above. Standing from left to right are Mr. Frank Sweet, Mr. C. B. Goodman, both Extension Agents for Appomatox County, Berneta Moore, Marlene Moore and Debbie Roach.

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GLADSTONE

Mrs. Jean Hesson and Mrs. Emily Akers visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Lee Rathgeb at Shipman on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Harris and children are spending this week in the home of Mrs. Harris' parents Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carmody.

Mrs. Russell Moore has returned home after having undergone surgery in a Richmond hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hesson have left for Indiana to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hessons mother.

Mr. J. B. Kearns is spending sometime in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rothgeb of Shipman.

Mrs. Vicki Moore a student at Southern Seminary College spent the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore.

Mr. Bruce Washburn of North Carolina spent the week end in the home of his parents Rev. and Mrs. Billy Washburn.

Rev. and Mrs. Billy Washburn attended the pastors conference at Maysville church in Buckingham on Monday night.

The James River Associational Training School was held last week at Bethlehem Church in Buckingham was well attended by Sunday school teachers and officers from Gladstone Memorial Church and Liberty Chapel Church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spiggle spent the week end in the home of Mrs. Julia Brown of Lynchburg.

We were sorry to hear of the death this week of Mr. Marvin Francis. Extend Christian sympathy to the family.

The Gladstone Memorial Church W.M.S. will meet in the home of Mr. W. E. Akers for the week of prayer for foreign missions. Programs given by Mrs. Ernestine Carmody. Mrs. John Spiggle, Mrs. Sue Washburn and Mrs. O. L. Brown.

Mrs. Mamie Capelle of Lynchburg and Mrs. Bea Wallace spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Wallace and family in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smoot and Kelly of Lynchburg spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burke Smoot.

R. E. Lee Academy Students Write Papers

Third and fourth grade students at Robert E. Lee Academy in Appomatox have written papers on "What Christmas Means To Me" and we are publishing as many as possible this week.

These students are taught by Mrs. Wanda Lively and have written some very good "term" papers for this age group.

The first story follows and others can be found spotted throughout this issue of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN.

"WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME"

by Wayne King

Christmas means a lot to me, so does Jesus on Christmas. When Christmas comes its to much to do.

On Christmas night I saw Santa Claus go out the door. We do a lot on Christmas. Jesus was born on December 25 at Christmas. On Christmas we have a big feast. Rudolph has a shiny nose. We hang stockings. Santa Claus is a good fellow.

by Philip Kitchen

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

Christmas means to have a good day. Christmas means a lot to me. Jesus' birth was on Christmas 4 B.C. After that year. Santa Claus came down the chimney. He got all black. When he started up the chimney he got stuck.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEAMS TO ME

Robin Branch

When Christmas Eve is here we go shopping. We will lay-away toys. Santa Claus will come to town. Christmas is the best time of the year because you get very many toys. Jesus was born too on Christmas, Christmas night. I think of Santa Claus coming down the chimney all dressed in red. He puts the toys down nice and then he goes back up the chimney, He says Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

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WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

by Kendall Scott Moore

Christmas is a holiday where Santa Claus brings you toys and Jesus was born in a stable. The angels where watching up high. When the three wise men came and brought him jewels. While the animals were watching by. While the star was shining over the manger. While Mary and Joseph was tucking him in.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

By Sandy Kitchen

Christmas means to me that Santa Claus brings all the children toys. All the children are singing Christmas carols at our school. Stockings hanging by the chimney with care hoping St. Nicholas would soon be there. Santa Claus is all dressed in red. I hope all the children have a nice Christmas. Rudolph, Dasker, Dancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donder and Blitzen is the names of Santa Claus raindeers.

The name of one of the Christmas carols are "I am Dreaming of a White Christmas.

by Mark Nash

I like to put up decorations on the Christmas tree and when I go to bed I think of Christmas and the things I well get and the big big surprise and my toys and the next day I get up and I saw the toy.

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To find out anything about God we must go to the revelation He has given for man's knowledge. Holy Scripture is the basis for "the knowledge of the Holy" (Prov. 9:10). "Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise men glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty glory in his might, let not the rich glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth, and knoweth Me, that I am the Lord" Jer. 9:23,24.

"The Father hath life in himself..." John 5:26. It is hard for men to think when divorcing themselves from time and space. Before time God dwelt alone in the oneness of His triune nature. There was nothing outside of Himself. He is self-sufficient, self-existent, self-contained, self-satisfied and is absolutely nothing. When He brought the things of creation into existence they added nothing to God for He is unchangeable Mal. 3:6. "Comparatively few of those who occasionally read the Bible are aware of the awe-inspiring and worship-provoking grandeur of the Divine character. That God is great is a wondrous in power, yet full of Mercy is assumed by many to be almost commen knowledge; but to entertain anything approaching an adequate conception of His being, His nature, His attributes, as these are revealed in Holy Scripture is something which very, very few people in these degenerate times have attained unto. God is solitary in His excellency. "Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" Ex. 15:11.

We must remember that God was not bound be necessity to do anything outside Himself. He merely does whatsoever He wills for His own glory. Many today would leave you with the impression that God could not do without man and is in some ways dependant on man. However, the God of glory is not in need of anyone or anything outside of Himself.

However, since God has made man it is possible for Him to be honored or dishonored by man. It is essential being, but in His official character." God did create all things for His pleasure, Rev. 4:11. Although this has to do with God's outward glory which is for our recognition of His glory. Even though this is true God could have continued alone all eternity without making known His glory to men and it would not have taken from Him anything. See. Isa. 40:15-28; I Tim. 6:16.

As one has said, God "is without His majesty, unique in His excellency, peerless in His perfections. He sustains all, but is Himself independent of all. He gives to all, but is enriched by none."

Men will never know the High and Lofty God of all unless He reveals Himself to them throught the reconciling work of Christ. Only Christ and knowing Him in forgiveness of sin can a sinner be introduced to the Holy God. Do you know Christ as your Saviour from sin and Lord of your life?

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